

**Amendments to the specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace Table 1 on page 14 of the specification with the following new Table 1:

**Table 1: Sequence of primers used in the PCR reactions.**

Primer	Nucleotide sequence (5' to 3')	Design	product size
1	sense: ATTTGATGGAGTTGGACATGG (SEQ ID NO: 4)  antisense: AGCTACTTGTTCCTTGAGTGAA (SEQ ID NO: 5)	Within exon 3 of $\beta$ -Catenin gene	224 bp
2	sense: TGATTTGATGGAGTTGGACAT (SEQ ID NO: 6)  antisense: CATTGCATACTGTCCATCAAT (SEQ ID NO: 7)	Intron-spanning between exon 3 & 4 of $\beta$ -Catenin gene	DNA: 450 bp cDNA: 250 bp
3	sense: AAATCGTGCGTGACATTAAGG (SEQ ID NO: 8)  antisense: ATGATGGAGTTGAAGGTAGTT (SEQ ID NO: 9)	Intron-spanning between exon 4 & 5 of $\beta$ -actin gene	DNA: 324 bp cDNA: 230 bp

Please replace Table 3 on page 15 of the specification with the following new Table 3:

**Table 3: Primers used in the PCR reactions.**

Primer	Nucleotide sequence (5' to 3')	Design	Product size
1	sense: TCAATGGGTCATATCACAGAT (SEQ ID NO: 10)  antisense: CTGCATTCTGACTTTCAGTAA (SEQ ID NO: 11)	In intron 2 and 3 of $\beta$ -Catenin gene	359 bp
2	sense: CCTCTGCGGTGCCAAGCCTC (SEQ ID NO: 12)  antisense: TGTGGGCAAACCTTGTGGTAGCA (SEQ ID NO: 13)	Within exon 11 of RET gene	156 bp